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MEETING MINUTES

Project Mordecai Historic Park Interpretive Center
Subject Review schematic design
Meeting Date July 12, 2012, 7:00pm
Location Mordecai Historic Park

Parties in Attendance:	Diane Sauer	P&R Director
	Erin Campo	P&R Recreation
	Ken Hisler	P&R Recreation
	Scott Payne	P&R Recreation
	Troy Burton	P&R Recreation
	Dick Bailey	P&R Design Development
	Shawsheen Baker	P&R Design Development
	Fred Belledin	Clearscapes
	Myly Hazlehurst	Clearscapes
	Steve Schuster	Clearscapes
	residents	(see sign in sheet)

Report by: Shawsheen Baker
Cc: Diane Sauer, Dick Bailey, Erin Campo, Ken Hisler, Scott Payne Troy Burton, Clearscapes, file

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Staff presented the purpose of the meeting and project schedule.

Consultant with Clearscapes presented the concept plan, building program, site plan and parking scenario, existing mix of architecture on the Mordecai Historic Park, historic context and proposed building elevation.

Q: Will the multipurpose room be used for rentals?

A: Education will be the priority use. Event rental will be secondary.

Q: How many people will fit in the multipurpose room?

A: The classroom/multi-purpose room is intended to accommodate 2 classes, about 60 people. Out of 20,000+ visitors annually, over 8,000 have been students. They typically come in groups of 30-60 students.

Q: In addition to the historic elements on the house, there is also Art Danielson's elegance expressed throughout the house. Will there be a lot of renovation and change to the house?

A: We plan on preserving the original building box. With the exception of the public restrooms, the rest of the interior on the ground floor will mostly remain as it exists today.

Q: Will there be any modification to Cedar Street to connect the Interpretive Center to the Historic Park?

A: Any work within the public right-of-way presents regulatory challenge. Even simple crosswalk striping would require approval from Transportation. Take Pullen Road for example. Transportation conducted traffic studies to justify a mid-block pedestrian crossing to bring park users from overflow parking facility on NCSU campus to Pullen Park. Comparatively, Cedar Street is classified as minor residential. The mid-block crossing may be difficult to justify.

Q: Can we make the multipurpose room bigger?

A: We are restricted by building setback and Transitional Protective Yard requirements. The addition also needs to appear secondary to the House in terms of scale and massing.

Q: Can people come in from the front door facing Wake Forest Road?

A: Yes. However, that entrance is not handicap accessible. The interior is designed and will be set up so that all the entrances to the main house will be visible to staff on duty.

Q: This was a smart purchase. How much did the city pay for the house? Is funding currently available for the project?

A: The city paid \$600,000 for the property. Funding for the acquisition came from both the project budget and land acquisition account. We have designed the renovation based on the available budget.

Q: Why does the multipurpose room have a flat roof?

A: The multipurpose room will have a relatively flat roof with a low slope like the existing side porch to keep the expansion in scale and respect the prominence of the House. In addition, there is an arch window on the back wall on the second floor. We do not want to block the window.

Q: Which way would the audience face in the multipurpose room?

A: You would project to the west wall. There is glazing on the south wall to maintain visibility to the Historic Park. The north wall has clerestory. The east wall is the exposed existing brick. When people in the audience need to take a restroom break, they would exit to the back (the brick wall) and not interrupt the projection.

Q: What will happen to Wake Forest Road?

A: There is some sidewalk along Wake Forest Road that will remain in place. We are not aware of any other transportation projects.

Q: Any sustainable design features?

A: For the addition, we have clerestory on the north wall for balancing the light and allow cross ventilation. Canopy is proposed to cover the outdoor porch to reduce heat gain because it faces southwest. Collecting rain water from the roof and use it for the garden is also a possibility.

Q: What is the driveway going to be? What about permeable concrete?

A: The handicap parking spaces will be paved for accessibility. The driveway is currently proposed to remain as gravel drive. We can look at if other materials such as permeable concrete would work with the available budget.